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Serial No.: 09,869,131

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For: **BLOOD SEPARATION SYSTEM PARTICULARLY FOR
CONCENTRATING HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELLS**

Group Art Unit 1723

Examiner:

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents****Washington, D. C. 20231**

2. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application.
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☐ a small entity - verified statement:

☐ attached
☐ already filed.

☒ other than a small entity.

☐ No additional fee for claims is required.

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	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	
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SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Addit Fee
\$ 9	\$0
\$40	\$0
\$135	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY

Rate	Addit Fee
\$18	\$0
\$80	\$0
\$270	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Received for filing, on September 26, 2001
Director of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C.
[Signature]

Dear Sir:

Prior to the calculation of fees and the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

PLEASE SUBSTITUTE THE FOLLOWING CLAIMS 1 THROUGH 17 AND 20 THROUGH 22 FOR THE PENDING CLAIMS 1 THROUGH 17 AND 20 THROUGH 22.

1. (Amended) A system for the processing and separation of biological fluids into components, comprising a set of containers for receiving the biological fluid to be separated and the separated components, and optionally one or more additional containers for additive solutions, and a hollow centrifugal processing chamber rotatable about an axis of rotation and having an axial inlet/outlet for the biological fluid to be processed and for the processed components of the fluid, the processing chamber containing an axially movable member which defines a separation space of variable size for receiving biological fluid, the member being axially movable to intake a selected quantity of biological fluid to be processed into the separation space via said inlet and to express processed biological fluid components from the separation space via said outlet, and means for monitoring the position of the axially movable member to thereby control the amount of intaken biological fluid and the expression of separated components, the system further comprising a distribution valve arrangement for establishing selective communication between the processing chamber and selected containers or for placing the processing chamber and containers out of